Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for invisibly marking a liquid petroleum hydrocarbon. The method comprises adding to the liquid petroleum hydrocarbon at least one dye having formula (I)

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$$R^4$$
 N
 O
 N
 R^1
 R^1
 R^2
 R^3
 R^2
 R^2
 R^3

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 independently are aryl or aromatic heterocyclic; and wherein the dye has an absorption maximum in the range from 710 nm to 900 nm.